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# Letters to the Editor

## The Gripe is About Secrecy

DESPITE the feeling of distress broadcast by the press about the Central Intelligence Agency secretly subsidizing the National Student Association, this news does not disgust, dismay, or distress me, and I hope many Americans feel the same way. This is a "tempest in a teapot."

Maybe I am missing the point, but what's all the furor about the CIA contributing to the NSA? What is wrong with aiding, teaching, and alerting American youth to forestall communist infiltration of our educational institutions. Are we to forget so soon about the meetings of the Communist Youth Movements organized in Russia and other communist countries, to which American students were invited to attend for brainwashing. Are we overlooking the fact that in some cases trips for our youths were indirectly financed by these countries, which at once put them to some degree of obligation.

My gripe with the CIA is that they kept this project secret. The Soviet Union has a school in Leningrad and most countries of the world actually have government-subsidized schools for training intelligence matters. This intelligence training covers a lot of territory and many topics. It is no secret

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that all nations of the world train students for international intelligence work. As a matter of fact, it is well known they pick the cream of the crop to train for this essential work.

Why should there be any secret about this, and why the hullabaloo about our government spending money for such training? Our closest ally, Britain, has what they call a Foreign Training School, and it is no secret what they teach there. The CIA is the bulwark of this nation. To properly function, to properly protect the United States from being infiltrated by subversives it has to rely on help wherever it safely can, and here is one prospect where participation of our young students can be effective. The CIA by itself cannot do the job, they need information in order to plan our safety.

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## A Bad Light

BERNARD cartoon and your lead editorial, "CIA's Campus Caper," place the CIA in a bad light which is undeserved. Isn't

it possible that millions of undercover USSR money may find its way to Red-inspired student groups? You know that Vietnams are planning demonstrations on six college campuses the second week in April. Why should it be so wrong to counter such subversive activities with good U.S. money so that conservative students, too, may voice their disapproval about such treacherous activities and disorders being planned by the now left? Anti-Reds have a right to be heard, too.

I am not condoning the clandestineous method used by the CIA, but its objective may be a worthy one.

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